Dear Patriot,
Greetings constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans!
It is again time for the weekly update and what a heck of a week it has indeed been.
The week ended with the mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks finally meeting his maker and paying for the consequences of his decisions to attack the United States and kill thousands of innocent victims. The United States military served ultimate justice on this evil individual.
Osama bin Laden did not die of natural causes. He died because our military led by General David Petreaus and assisted by our Intelligence Community, hunted him down and then took him down in a special operations attack at his compound in Pakistan.
We must acknowledge President Obama for given the order and commend General Petraeus and the Special Forces who carried out this critical mission, as well as all of the Men and Women in uniform. Former President George W. Bush stated, "America has sent an unmistakable message no matter how long it takes, justice will be done."
Osama bin Laden is Dead Justice has finally been served! Long live the United States of America!
Nowon to the rest of the week!
This was the second week of the two week Easter Constituent work (District) work period.

We had our monthly town hall meetings and it was our first time instituting a new question and answer process. After the previous town hall meetings, it became apparent that we could not control persons at the microphone, and not wanting to be disrespectful or cut them off, we believed getting the questions written down would help smooth out the process.

Therefore we instituted a process which I found very effective- used in many settings as this, most recently by the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. Our constituents were able to submit a question on a card. The cards were then given to the individuals hosting our town hall meeting. The hosts then arranged the cards and handed them over to the moderator for the evening. The hosts did not eliminate any questions because of the subject matter. I had no knowledge of what the questions were or in what order to ask them prior to stepping on stage. The result was that in two evening town hall meetings we responded to more than 100 questions from our Constituents. That's more than double our previous town halls.

Of course, we did find that there are those who do not have any substance to add to the intellectual discourse of the town hall and sought to be completely disruptive. I must advise those who believe in using expletives in referring to me, it is not an effective communications method, and certainly shall not produce timidity in me, you actually elicit quite the opposite.

I must share these two funny anecdotes; first was the response to a question from a woman at the Boca Raton town hall which inspired this woman to stand and shout, "That was my question and you did not answer it the way I wanted you to." Now, if that is not a clear indication of liberal progressive "controllitis" then tell me what is?

The second really humorous moment was looking out and seeing Code Pink women with pink tape over their mouths.

Special hat tip to Calvary Chapel (Pastor Bob Coy and staff), Mae Volen Senior Center (Director Elizabeth Lugo and staff), and the law enforcement officers of Ft. Lauderdale and Boca Raton who ensured there was a safe and professional environment for those attending. Speaking of Code Pink, this past week, America lost 21 servicemen and women in Afghanistan and Iraq, mainly Afghanistan. Has anyone seen any protests by Code Pink? Has anyone seen any coverage of this in the media this week? Where is Cindy Sheehan, since she is soooo concerned about our troops. Has Code Pink staged any protests of the opening of a new combat theater of operations in Libya?

The duplicitous hypocrisy would be laughable if not so pathetic! To the families of the Men and Women who will not be coming home, especially to the children, I send my most sincere and humble condolences. If there is one thing I despise about liberals and their complicit media allies, their faux concern for our Military...which after this past week, we must all recognize is rooted in political expediency, not sincerity.

This week the media also missed the communications between the leader of Pakistan and Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai imploring him to reject a long term security arrangement with the United States. Instead, Pakistan admonished Karzai to enter into agreements with them and China, this in the same week where countless Americans gave their lives for Afghan freedom?

Yes, I am miffed about this and the day is soon coming, at least in my assessment and perspective, when we bid farewell to Karzai and his culture of corruption. My focus would be solely on executing precision strike operations against Islamic terrorist groups wherever they seek to establish sanctuary, no more nation-building, occupation-style warfare.

As well, it seems President Obama forget to discuss a very important Middle East political alliance while he was on Oprah Winfrey's show. This week Hamas and Fatah announced they would establish a unity government. As of recent days, there has been an increase of rocket and mortar fire coming from Gaza into southern Israel, seems those new Democratic Egyptians have given Hamas a green light.

We all know that Hamas has clearly stated in its charter the destruction of Israel as an objective...one can only surmise that Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian Authority share those goals. Our office released a statement this week requesting the immediate cessation of American taxpayer support, and military support, to the Palestinian Authority. It is time we evidence where our allegiance lies... let us pray that this Obama Administration has the right allegiance, which means no unilateral UN recognition of a Palestinian state, or shall a say, an Islamic terrorist state, this summer.

Legislative Update; The House was not in session this week, so there is no legislative update. Upon return into session I shall track the progress of our legislation: The Small Business Encouragement Act. Also, we shall be focused on developing the House Defense

Appropriations Bill, as part of the National Defense Authorization Act.

Highlights of the Week:

Monday, 25 April; Spent most of the day with South Florida District Director of the Immigration and Control Element (ICE) touring potential sites for illegal immigrant detention facilities in Palm Beach County. Also visited the Palm Beach Sheriff's headquarters to see their Public Safety fusion center, quite impressive.

Tuesday, 26 April; Visited the Holy Cross Hospital Comprehensive Women's Health Center located in Oakland Park, a fantastic facility with an equally dedicated and professional staff. This will be a jewel for women's health treatments and a model for South Florida and perhaps the Nation. Was the keynote speaker for the US Navy and US Coast Guard Sailor and Coast Guarsdman of the Year Awards, as part of Broward Navy Days and Fleet Week. What an honor to be with these exceptional Men and Women who are the best amongst all of us. Toured BRS Aerospace of Pompano Beach which produces cargo parachutes for the US Military. Watching their video of their product being used in a remote base location in Afghanistan brought back some dear memories. And the evening wrapped up with our town hall meeting at Calvary Chapel.

Wednesday, 27 April; The day began with a behind the scenes tour of the Bank Atlantic Center-the home of our the Florida Panthers- and the venue for many amazing concerts and entertainment. Bank Atlantic provides an incredible economic impact to Broward County. There are plans to expand this entertainment venue and make this a centerpiece of excellence for West Broward County. I later addressed the Ft Lauderdale Rotary and provided them with a legislative update, first 100 days. Conducted a site visit of the Ft Lauderdale Executive Airport and learned of the tremendous operation that is being executed their daily. There are some challenges for the facility which our office will assist with rectifying. Presented a Congressional Award to Spanish River HS Senior, Lindsey Gerzina, for her scholastic and athletic excellence. And wrapped up the evening with another town hall meeting in Boca Raton...gotta find where those Code Pink ladies got that pink tape....LOL LOL.

Thursday, 28 April; Started the day addressing the Realtors Commercial Alliance of Greater Ft Lauderdale, again a 100 day legislative update and we also fielded questions from the audience.. .funny thing, they liked the Q&A card format and that was what they used. Spoke to the Delray Beach GOP Club luncheon, always vital to stay connected with your support base

who did so much to enable our victory in November 2012. Had my first meeting with new West Palm Beach Mayor, Jeri Muoio, to ensure the Mayor knows that she has my dedicated support to her City. Ended the day as the keynote speaker for the Restore Our America PAC event on Palm Beach island...the amazing thing is that a young Conservative High School Senior started this organization!

Friday, 29 April; Started the day with a tour of the Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center and National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI) as well as the US Navy (NAVSEA) underwater acoustic testing unit. We must all not forget that right here along the coast that comprises Congressional District 22 is the third largest reef system in the world... and that is why I am a Master SCUBA diver. I shall be doing some dives with the NCRI, and perhaps Nova President Hanbury, to look at how the center is seeking to replenish our reef system. Spoke to the Pompano Beach Rotary Club, same as with the Ft Lauderdale Club, provided a legislative update. Had a meet and greet afternoon event in Boca Raton with the Broward and Palm Beach County Residential Realtors, great exchange and we have to turn the real estate market around. The day ended with my being the keynote speaker aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7) for the Fleet Week dignitary reception. I was thrilled to be able to find my berthing spot when I spent two weeks aboard the Iwo Jima back in 2002 as a member of the 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade staff.

Saturday, 30 April; The day started with being the keynote speaker at the Boca Raton SCORE Chapter Small Business Conference/Seminar at Lynn University. I shared my experiences of being a member of the House Committee on Small Business and how we must reduce the onerous taxation and regulatory burden plaguing small business growth in America, as well as expanding capital lending opportunities. Visited the Broken Sound CC for the unveiling of the new compost producing system which will revolutionize food and landscaping waster usage for our golf communities in South Florida. I see it as a fantastic venture for our US Military bases...hat tip to COL(R) Ed West and his staff at Environmentally Controlled Waster who have received National and International attention. The final event of the day, and the week, was our Congressional Art competition for Congressional District 22 High Schoolers, held at Sugar Sand Park in Boca Raton. The winner was from Lake Worth Christian School for his charcoal art piece and he will fly-up to DC to see his work displayed in the Cannon-US Capitol tunnel.

In closing, I send my heartfelt prayers to the people of Alabama and North Carolina who have suffered the brunt of one of the worse tornado seasons in U.S. history. My Dad was born in Ozark, Alabama so we have some distant relatives in that area. May God bless you all, and to the victims there in Tuscaloosa may this Tennessee Volunteer offer you a simple bit of encouragement...."Roll Tide."

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